



Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc
P.O. Box 407, Greenfield, MA 01302

July 2010

Pioneer Tails

PVKC PICNIC FUN MATCH & GENERAL FUN STUFF Plus our GENERAL MEETING

**JULY 22 , 2010
WEST NORTHFIELD PLAYGROUND**

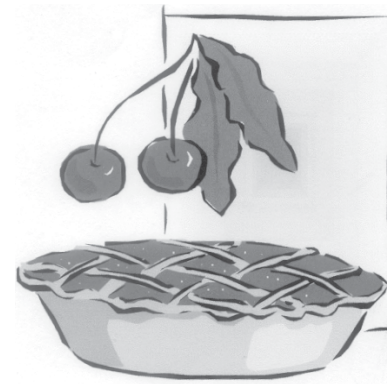


Join us at 6 PM to register for the fun match
followed by other fun dog stuff
Picnic and members' meeting to follow the fun

Club provides sodas, condiments and
hot grill ... you provide a dish to share and
your own place setting and meat item if
you'd like to have something hot.

A to L PLEASE bring a dessert to share
M to Z PLEASE bring a side dish to share

(Above is suggested; but if you have a mouthwatering
specialty, we are all forks!)



Directions - 91 N to exit 28A (Rt.10) North on Rt. 10 to 142 (Sign says to Vernon,
Brattleboro VT) Follow Rt. 142 about 3 mi. to Playground on right.

President's Message

Summertime and the livin' is easy.....well sort of! Best of luck to all PVKC members who are competing in the upcoming July shows. Whatever your interest there are activities for both you and your dog to participate in. Maybe it's time to finish a title or branch out and try something new and fun. Whatever your sport or activity remember that we are all ambassadors for the sport so always put your best foot forward. (Just make sure it's your left!!)

July is picnic time for PVKC members. We have some fun and challenging activities planned so please take the time to join in the fun! The August show is right around the corner. I always receive many complements on this show from both exhibitors and judges. One often heard remark is : "It's an old fashion dog show". The August show is a lot of work and if we wish to continue providing this show to the fancy we need the support and hard work of the membership. There are many jobs to be filled and so far only a hand full of people willing to put the effort in to make this show a success. Please take the time to volunteer - you won't regret it!

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Deadlines

July 27, 2010

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Emily McDermott and *Twisby* recently received a Rally award certificate from the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America given at the National Awards Banquet May 2 stating that *Carry-On Twisby VCD2, RAE* is the #5 ranked English Cocker Spaniel in the country for Rally for 2009! This ranking is based on number of Q's during the year, placements, overall average which was 94.2, and top five average which was 97. What a great way to complete her Rally career. Way to go *Twisby*!

Sue Meachem submitted the following news: It was a hot weekend in Enfield, CT, at the American Pit Bull Terrier Club's UKC shows, but a good time was had anyway. There were a surprising number of "AKC" folks there, including PVKC's own **Kathy Berrena** and her Havanese, who got Companion Group Three on Saturday. **Lori Carver's** Sussex Spaniel *Ch Companionway-Sutton Mandolin Wind* got a Group 3 in the Saturday Afternoon Show, then a Group 2 and a Group 1 at the two shows on Sunday. Her Newf puppy, *Threeponds You've Got Mail @ Seabreeze – Brinkley* – made his UKC debut by getting second place in the puppy group on Saturday. **Sue Meachem** had her Field Spaniel *AM/CAN UKC CH Seabreeze The Secret Storm RN CGC – Jada* – back out in the ring after her maternity leave. She received a Group 3 on both Saturday and Sunday. Meanwhile *Jada's* son *Cabot N Seabreeze Night Train to Wicksford – Bob* – made a splash by going Best Puppy on Saturday. Also, at the AKC sanctioned match put on by South Windsor KC the previous weekend, *Bob* got a Puppy Group 3.

AKC NEWS – PEG VOHR

The following is taken from the Chairman's Report at the Delegates' meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010:

AKC Adds New Titles in Conformation, Companion and Performance Events

Parent Clubs have a variety of breed specific sports and events. The Board recently approved a program to allow the recording of parent club performance event titles if AKC does not provide a test for these breed-specific skills. The Bloodhound Club of America is the first to apply for acknowledgment of its titles with their "man-trailing event". If your parent club would like to participate in this new program please contact Performance Events AVP Doug Ljungren at DVL@akc.org

Last month, Conformation added the Grand Champion title. Judges now have the opportunity of awarding Grand Championship points to their Best of Breed and Best of Opposite winners as well as to additional AKC Champions with the Select Dog and Select Bitch award. We believe

this title gives breeders and owners a new way to showcase the quality of their breeding stock to judges and other breeders and exhibitors alike. We encourage you to take advantage of the enhanced conformation title.

Starting this summer, Companion events will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title. This title is an excellent competitive event for both the novice handler and dog. Most exercises, a blend from Rally and Companion Dog, are completed on-leash.

In the Performance area, Earthdog competitors now have the opportunity to earn a new title - the Endurance Earthdog - the first addition since the program's inception in 1993. This EE title provides a new challenge for dogs that have earned their Master Earthdog title by requiring them to earn five double qualifications in master and senior. A Border Terrier named "Rosemary" recently earned the first ever EE title.



Calendar of Events PVKC 2009

Newsletter Deadline July 27, 2010

July

Board of Directors, July 5

PVKC Picnic; July 15 (see page 1)

Obedience Training - NewClasses
at Breeze Thru Agility

Classes Begin Wednesday July 28

Beginners 6:20-7:20 pm

Advanced Beginner 6:20-7:20 pm

Rally Obedience 7:30-8:30 pm

Breed Handling at Breeze Thru Agility

On-Going Drop-in Class at 7:30pm

No Classes July 28th

August

PVKC Summer Show, August 7

Board of Directors, August 9

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September

Board of Directors, Sept 6

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No Classes Sept 8

PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 18 & 19

General Meeting

Monday September 20

Nomination of Officers

October

Board of Directors, October 4

Tracking Test, October 10

Annual Election & General Meeting

Banquet; Thursday October 21

November

Board of Directors, November 1

December

Board of Directors, December 6

The following education article is offered to those of you who are asked this question frequently by your new puppy owners. I certainly would never want to imply that any of us (dedicated trainers, breeders and kennel club members) might need it for their own dogs.

The New Owner Education Series: How to Stop Nuisance Jumping

By Carl M. Stephenson, Ph.D., New Owner Education Chair, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

About the author

Carol is a social psychologist and has been training dogs and people for over 40 years

One of the most common problems people call or email me about is "my dog/puppy jumps up on people!" I start by reassuring them that first, this is perfectly normal dog behavior, and second, it is relatively easy to correct if everyone in the family agrees consistently to follow a few simple rules. These techniques are not the only way to

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PVKC All Breed Show, Obedience Trial & Rally Trial

August 7, 2010

**Greenfield Community College
Greenfield, MA**

**Your assistance is required to make
this show a success**



**Don't wait to be asked -
Offer your assistance now:**

Show Chair –

Want to help but don't know who to call? Try
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Grounds Set-up & Take Down –

WE NEED Volunteers on Friday 8/6 for setup!

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discourage jumping, but they are tried and true on hundreds of dogs and puppies of all breeds. They are also based on positive training methods that are kind to dogs, build a relationship of trust between you and your dog, and seldom result in negative unintended behaviors. These techniques work equally well on puppies and older dogs.

Why Do Dogs Jump Up?

Typically, dogs jump up to greet us. Many dogs will try to jump up specifically to lick your face. (Yes-Dog germs, Charlie Brown!) Licking the face is one of the ways dogs say “hi” and show respect to each other. Watch pups-they jump on mom and lick her face. Ironically, yelling at your dog for attempting to do this to you can often make it worse, as Bernie may try even harder to show his love for you! Unfortunately, a jumping dog also gets lots of attention from the people around him. It may not be “desirable attention,” but hey, any attention is better to a dog than being ignored. That means just about ANY reaction to jumping up (shoving, yelling, pushing, kneeling, etc.) is attention and therefore reinforcing. When something is reinforced, it is likely to be repeated. So fussing at your dog because he is jumping on you means you may actually be encouraging him to continue doing it.

What can you do about jumping?

I teach people two strategies that work in concert to eliminate jumping behavior. First, ignore the behavior as much as possible – the goal is to make it STOP WORKING as an attention getter. I suggest that when the dog jumps up on you, cross your arms across your chest, turn your back on the dog, and look away. No eye contact, no words (be silent), and no movement. Do not acknowledge that the dog exists. This is an especially good posture to teach children, as it often diffuses a rambunctious dog (and it is equally effective for a child to use if he or she is approached by a scary or menacing dog). When the dog returns to earth for a breather, as they inevitably do, glance at the dog; and if it remains off, perhaps reach out to give him a small pat – then move slightly away and engage the pup in some play or other training activity. Repeat as needed – consistently – every time. I demonstrate this technique in every puppy kindergarten class that I teach, because we always have plenty of willing puppies. NEVER has a single puppy failed to figure out by the end of the first 50-minute class

that the “cookie lady” ignores them and even walks away if they jump, but smiles, pats, and gives cookies if they stay off. The key to making this technique work is that all family members must agree to follow this script AT ALL TIMES; no exceptions. One person who continues to reward jumping up will seriously compromise this training.

Another rule is to minimize excitement whenever you greet your dog after being away. I suggest to owners of jumping dogs that when they return home, they should enter the house as uneventfully and quietly as possible, ignoring the dog or being very matter-of-fact as you send it out to potty if you have a fenced yard. Greet any other human family members first, completely ignoring the dog if it is engaged in antics or jumping behavior. When the dog finally settles down, greet it in a calm, quiet way. Be ready to ignore again if the dog goes over the top. I suggest keeping treats around the house in strategic places – for example, near the entry door. This will allow you occasionally to reward calm behavior with a biscuit or other small treat. For many people who call me with dog jumping issues, I suggest that they set up scenarios like the following as a game to play with their dog.

Walk outside and close the door. Wait one minute. Open the door and enter, ignoring the dog. If the dog stays off while you count in your head “1001”, toss it a treat. I tell people to remain silent – really! The silence helps the dogs figure it out faster, and people tend to jabber too much, confusing the dog. Go back outside and repeat coming in, but this time count in your head “1001, 1002” – then toss the treat. If you have an incorrigible jumper, work up to a count of “1010”. If at any time the dog jumps before you finish counting, turn your back without saying a word and go outside, closing the door. Wait two minutes and try again, starting all over at “1001”. At first, you may end the game calmly after a success or two at a very low count. As your dog’s understanding and confidence grow, you will find your dog waiting expectantly for its treat, with all four feet on the floor, for as long as you stand there and count!

This brings us to the second technique important in completely curing the jumping problem. Teach your dog to offer a sit or down automatically when greeting people. Since you can’t always be there telling your dog what to do every second (they are dogs, not robots), we want to teach this in such a way that the dog uses this as a fall-back behavior anytime he is not quite sure what to do.

We want the dog to OFFER a sit or down automatically because the dog comes to understand that these are behaviors that will consistently earn positive attention. Learning this gives your dog power-in a good way. The dog learns an alternative acceptable behavior, instead of jumping up, to get a lot of wonderful positive attention.

For most dogs, teaching a very solid sit from earliest puppyhood is doable. For those who don't want to encourage sitting in puppies that are prospects for the conformation ring, a nice, four-feet-on-the-floor stand or a down can work. Rewarding puppies (or older dogs) with voice, toys, or treats every time they offer a sit has them sitting like little pros within a day or two. Keep in mind, at this phase I am not telling them "sit." I tell people to be silent and watch for the dog to sit on their own. Dogs sit a lot. Every day. All the time. Your job as a trainer will be to watch carefully and then QUICKLY reward their initiative with attention. At first, every little sit gets at least verbal praise. You will be amazed how quickly dogs figure out that this simple behavior is just the way to get you to shower them with attention! Everything must depend on that sit. Hey, puppy! Want your food bowl? Sit and I will lower it down to you. Want this Kong toy stuffed with goodies? Sit and I will give it to you. Want me to open the door to your crate so you can come out and play? Offer me a sit and the crate door will open. Want to go outside and play? Sit and the magic gate will open into the play yard. Want to be petted? Sit nicely next to me and I will shower you with petting. Get the idea? This technique teaches your puppy to THINK! When they learn that sitting pleases you and that it earns them attention from you, they will sit for you over and over more than any other behavior!

Next Steps

Once your dog is consistently offering you a sit, you can "name it." Start saying "sit" just before his little butt hits the floor and then quickly reward with a pat and "good sit." Once he knows the word association, then you can use it as a cue in new situations to remind him not to jump up on people. You will soon find that you can say "sit" and elicit the desired behavior-almost effortlessly, defusing a jumping opportunity before it can happen.

Summary and Closing Suggestions

1. Until your dog is reliably sitting or standing when greeting people, tell everyone to completely ignore the dog and be prepared to just turn aside if he jumps

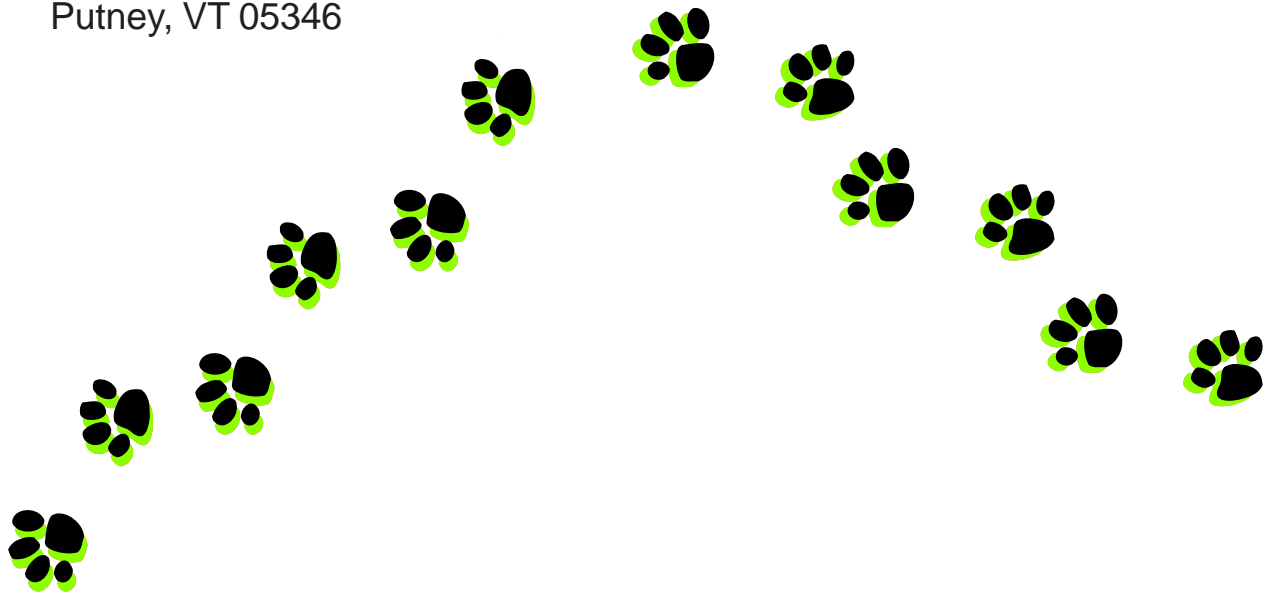
up, continue to ignore the dog, remain silent, and when feasible simply walk away. They must give the dog NO ATTENTION for that behavior – absolutely, no eye contact. Only a very calm, non-jumping dog gets petted or verbally acknowledged.

2. Have as many people as you can recruit help by coming in the door to greet him (with treats if you like-delivered only when he sits or keeps all four feet on the floor). Be consistent in this training. Hold refresher sessions as needed. Some dogs learn faster than others. Be patient, calm, and quiet.
3. Sometimes when teaching a dog to greet others it helps to have the dog on a leash sitting quietly beside you, then stand on the leash so that he won't be able to jump up. If you do this, ignore the dog's squirming while you talk quietly with the visitor. When the dog settles, the visitor can glance at the dog and drop a treat. The key here is to keep the interaction with the visitor minimal to avoid overexciting the dog, but as long as the dog remains on the ground and calm, the visitor can occasionally reward this by tossing a treat.
4. The real key to success is consistency. If sometimes the dog jumps up and gets attention, then he will learn that it is okay to jump up and will be confused when punished for it. Remember, ANY response other than ignoring him is attention, which is reinforcing even if the reinforcement is negative. All family members and visitors must follow the rules!
5. In those situations when you simply can't work on this, then you must control the environment. Do not let your dog practice jumping on people! Either tether your dog away from the people, keep the dog on leash well under your control (and you need to have treats to reinforce him for not jumping), send him outside to play in your fenced yard, or simply place him in his crate or other isolation area with a safe chewie. Do everything you can to structure his environment for success and eliminate all chances to "practice" the bad behavior of jumping up on people.

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PVKC Training

PUPPY K CLASS with SARAH THAYER:

Puppy K classes
New Classes Begin
August 5, 2010
at North County Veterinary Clinic
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Greenfield, MA.

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Come!

NEW PVKC CLASSES:

PVKC Obedience, Rally and Breed
Handling at Breeze Thru Agility, 113
Technology Dr, Brattleboro, VT
New Classes begin on
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